

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

RADON ACTION MONTH

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally-occurring radioactive gas that threatens the health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon causes more than 20,000 deaths each year, making it the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona issued a national health advisory in 2005 because breathing indoor radon over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, one in 15 homes across the country has an elevated radon level; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, based on data collected by the Radiation Protection Section in the Division of Environmental Health, radon is present at elevated levels in about 7 percent of homes; and

WHEREAS, indoor elevated levels of radon is a preventable and fixable problem; and

WHEREAS, testing for radon is simple, with costs of repairs to reduce the radon level ranging from \$800 to approximately \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, the state's Radon Program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with radon-resistant materials and features;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim January 2009, as "**RADON ACTION MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens and interested groups to promote awareness of the hazards of radon exposure, encourage citizens to test and mitigate their homes for radon levels and visit <http://www.ncradon.org> for additional radon information.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Easley".
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the City of Raleigh this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.